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Turning milder by the end of the weekend

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Following the strong winds and snow of recent days across some parts of the UK, it will become milder and more settled over the weekend with a day of sunshine and showers on Saturday followed by a grey Sunday.

Snow showers and strong winds have affected Scotland, Northern Ireland and the North of England since Wednesday while rain turned to snow as it moved east across the south of the UK on Thursday evening.

Strong winds and snow tracked down the east coast on Friday morning which, combined with high tides, brought the risk of sea surge conditions and coastal flooding. A number of flood warnings have been issued by the Environment Agency and SEPA. People should keep up to date with the flood alerts online or call the Floodline on 0345 988 1188 and heed the advice of the Emergency Services, Environment Agency and SEPA.

Many inland areas and the south coast will be dry and bright through the rest of Friday, with showers continuing over northern Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the west and east coast of England. A Yellow weather warning for ice has been issued for Friday night and Saturday morning.

A frosty start to Saturday will give way to a good deal of dry, bright weather for many, particularly inland across England and Scotland. Wintry showers will continue to affect coastal areas in the north, east and west although these will become less frequent. Outbreaks of rain associated with a warm front will reach the far northwest later in the day, this falling as snow over higher ground. As the front continues to move south east the rain and cloud will be over the whole of the UK by Sunday morning.

Chief Meteorologist Steve Willington said: “Following this period of more wintry conditions, the weather will be turning milder, but rather cloudy and dull for the whole of the UK by Sunday, when we expect to see temperatures of 9 and 10°C quite widely across the country. Although there is still a chance of some snow on Saturday in some areas, by Sunday any precipitation will fall as rain. Keep an eye on the forecast for your area for the latest information.”

Current indications are that by mid-next week high pressure could build across the UK and Europe bringing more settled dry and, in southeast England, cold conditions. Northwestern parts are likely to remain cloudier and milder.

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